



confidentiality merely must identify generically the type of services needed and the broad issues or topic (*e.g.*, innocence) for which the services are necessary.”). Mr. Murphy requires the services of a psychiatrist with expertise in post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to assist him in developing, preparing, and litigating a claim that trial counsel were ineffective for failing to reasonably investigate, discover, develop, and present mitigating evidence that Mr. Murphy suffers from PTSD during the punishment phase of his capital murder trial.

Undersigned counsel has the ethical and professional duty to pursue any and all possible claims, investigating and reviewing the case anew. *See* Am. Bar Ass’n, Guidelines for the Appt. and Performance of Def. Counsel in Death Penalty Cases, Guideline 10.7(A) (2003) (“Counsel at every stage have an obligation to conduct thorough and independent investigations relating to the issues of both guilt and penalty.”). In order for counsel to comply with his professional responsibilities, including the need to protect confidential attorney work product, counsel’s request must be made *ex parte* and under seal. *See id.* at Guideline 10.4 comment. (“Because the defense should not be required to disclose privileged communications or strategy to the prosecution in order to secure these resources, it is counsel’s obligation to insist upon making such requests *ex parte* and *in camera*.”); Am. Bar Ass’n, Supplementary Guidelines for the Mitigation Function of Defense Teams in Death Penalty Cases, Guideline 4.1(A) (2008) (“Applications to the court for the funding of mitigation services should be conducted *ex parte*, *in camera*, and under seal.”); State Bar of Tex., Guidelines for Standards for Texas Capital Counsel, Guideline 12.2(B)(6)(a) (2006) (“Because counsel should not have to disclose privileged communications or strategy to the prosecution in order to secure these resources, counsel must insist upon making such requests *ex parte* and *in camera*.”); Tex. Disciplinary R. Prof’l Conduct 1.05 (generally describing the need for confidentiality); *see also United States v.*

*Abreu*, 202 F.3d 386, 391 (1st Cir. 2000) (“Defendants who are able to fund their own defenses need not reveal to the government the grounds for seeking [an expert]. . . . To require indigent defendants to do so would penalize them for their poverty.”).

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Mr. Murphy’s request for leave to file the attached *ex parte* application for reasonably necessary services should be granted.

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I certify that I corresponded with Jeremy Greenwell, counsel for Respondent, via email. Respondent is opposed to this motion.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On August 5, 2014, I served an electronic copy of this pleading on counsel for the Respondent by filing the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court, Northern Division of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court.

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